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the state to authorize it, but then the bill would have to be drawn up as to the way it would be handled. I think that could be spelled out in that bill at that time.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, I think it would more clearly be spelled out. I guess the thing I am wondering is, we have two different issues here. One says the state may have a lottery. I am afraid that that is, I mean, it is clear right now that we may have a lottery, in my opinion. All right, it is restricted how we can use the funds, and if your desire is to clarify how we might use the funds, I think I concur with that. If, however, it is seen as another referendum on the issue of a lottery, then I have a problem because I am afraid that whatever the result might be it will be the issue of a lottery that will be debated more than it will be how the monies might be spent, and that is my concern. I will talk to you greater at another time and we will...

SENATOR BEYER: You could come up with an amendment that would change the revenue to the state maybe to what it should be. That would probably be possible, but I think that revenue to the state would pretty well I would think would cover it, but I am no expert.

SENATOR NEWELL: Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise in opposition to LR 10. First of all, I think it is completely unnecessary. As Senator Newell pointed out, the Attorney General's Opinions have indicated that there is nothing unconstitutional about lotteries right now. Secondly, I think what we are attempting to do is have a way to bypass, if you will, to some degree the normal legislative process and attempt to legislate the Constitution, and I think that is bad practice as well. If there is enough members of this body, if there is enough members of the public to get representation in this body to create a statewide lottery for the purpose of raising revenue for this state, then so be it. I am not going to vote for that either, however. But to go the route of putting it to the people and simply saying that, look we are going to put it in the